

Please forward to elected officials, the CAO and Corporate Officer:

1. UBCM Forestry Survey – Monday pre-conference session

AVICC members may be interested in a session on forest policy decision-making being held at the UBCM Convention on Monday, September 26 from 9 am until noon. The session description is:

Can improved community consultation achieve better forestry outcomes? Local government respondents to a UBCM forestry survey certainly think so. When 85% of survey respondents indicated that their communities are not adequately consulted when tenure holders made forestry decisions that would impact their communities, UBCM's Community Economic Development Committee decided to take action.

Since releasing the survey findings in Forest Policy Decision-Making: The Case for Greater Community Consultation and Engagement in March 2016, UBCM has reached out to the Minister of Forests, the Minister's Advisory Council and the forest industry to identify opportunities for improving the lines of communication.

In addition to highlighting the survey results, this session will provide presenters and delegates with an opportunity to respond to the survey findings; and discuss how, in partnership, we can ensure that decisions are made in the best interest of the community, the province and overall sustainability of the forest resource.

If you have not reviewed the UBCM report BC Forest Policy Decision Making: The Case for Greater Community Consultation and Engagement please go to: [FOREST POLICY](#)

Participants must register for this session separately to the general convention registration. If you have already registered for the convention, and need to change your registration to add this session, you can fill out this online form: [CHANGE](#)

2. Exercise Coastal Response Video

The Alberni-Clayquot Regional District sent in this video showing what happened in the valley during the exercise coastal response in June. It highlights many different organizations, both local and across the island.

Over 60 different organizations took part in this exercise, and there will be a session on this during the UBCM convention. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4bsol_-MS7Y&feature=youtu.be

3. UBCM Convention Updates

The nominations and resolutions reports are now available online through the UBCM website at [NOMINATIONS](#) and [RESOLUTIONS](#)

The mobile app is also now available to download through the Applications/Play stores. Those with the 2015 app will receive a reminder to update it. Please remember that the program and other information in the app is still subject to change. Those without smartphones can find the app at <http://eventmobi.com/ubcm/>

Registration for the UBCM Convention will close on September 16th, and registration fees increase after September 2nd. The link to registration is on CivicInfo at [REGISTRATION](#) and more information about the program is available on the UBCM's website at [INFORMATION](#)

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